

Application No. 10/086,590
Amendment dated July 19, 2005
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REMARKS:**Status Of Claims**

Claims 1-30 were previously pending. Claims 19-21 have been amended. Claims 1-14 and 25-30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 15-24 are currently pending in the application with claims 15 and 21 being independent.

Office Action

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 15-20 are allowed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kubota, U.S. Patent No. 6,257,897. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-3, 5-12, 14, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronin, U.S. Patent No. 4,493,146, in view of Long, U.S. Patent No. 5,534,665. The Examiner also rejected claims 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronin and Long in further view of Miller, U.S. Patent No. 4,830,235. The Examiner also rejected claims 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Quinn et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,736,910, in view of Kubota. Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims distinguish the present invention from Kubota, Cronin, Long, Miller, O'Quinn, and the other prior art references of record, taken alone or in combination with each other.

Specifically, claim 21 now recites "directly connecting the display unit while the

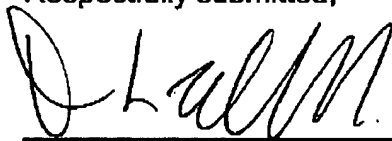
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flexible guide is extended", as suggested by the Examiner. As claim 21 merely incorporates the Examiners suggested language, this amendment does not present new issues or require a new search. Thus, applicant requests that this amendment be entered after Final Action.

The remaining claims all depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 21, and are therefore also allowable. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

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